

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- There are a variety of different types of mattress support systems, including platform systems, box springs, electric adjustable frames, and slat-type supports. Conventional mattresses are not equally compatible with each of these types of systems, and present various drawbacks when used with each of them, such as producing pressure points and contorting the spine. Advantageously, the viscoelastic mattress disclosed above is compatible with all of these types of systems by reducing pressure points and giving greater support for the spine. For example, as shown in Figure 3, a two layer mattress system configured to provide the sole mattress support is disposed on a mattress support system such as a support system mentioned above. For greater support and adjustability, the present invention advantageously provides an improved adjustable slat-type mattress support system. Traditional slat support systems generally do not provide a region of adjustability to differentially support the shoulders. Additionally, individuals with extreme body proportions may derive little benefit from conventional slat systems because the range of adjustability of the slats may not encompass a range including their body type. Advantageously, the inventors have developed a bedding system that provides adequate adjustability to support the shoulders, and an increased range of flexibility to allow adequate alignment of the spine for those individuals with extreme body proportions.--